PROPOSAL 80 – 5 AAC 85.040. Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat. Open a resident registration hunt for mountain goat in Unit 14A as follows:

Retain the draw goat hunts DG890 and DG891 for nonresidents only. Issue only two permits for DG890 and three permits for DG891.

Create a residents only registration hunt RS890 for Metal Creek and another RG891 for residents only in Marcus Baker. Set the harvest goals at 6% of the total count of the latest aerial survey of this area.

The hunting season will stay the same September 1 to October 15. There will be no allocation between residents and nonresidents. The season will close when the harvest goal is met.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? I want to change the mountain goat draw permit hunts, numbers DG890 and DG891 to registration hunts for residents and retain the draw for nonresidents. When this was first put into a draw permit hunt back in 2007 or there about, there was still a general sheep hunt in these areas. Every sheep hunter in this area got a registration permit for goats also and the quota was being filled very quickly. With all the sheep in this area now on draw I believe it will take much longer to fill it. Keeping the nonresidents on a draw will also slow the harvest down a lot.

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